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## SUMMARY- DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT ROUTE 63 (MOONEY BOULEVARD) COUNTY OF TULARE

#### 06-TUL-63

North of Packwood Creek to Noble Avenue, City of Visalia, Tulare County.

## **Proposed Action**

Upgrade Route 63 (Mooney Boulevard) from a four to six-lane divided highway

### **Programming:**

Estimated total costs for the build alternative is \$22.5 million. This State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) project is programmed for environmental, right-of-way acquisition and design as \$6.5 million in the Tulare County Association of Government's 2000 Federal Transportation Improvement Program. Construction was estimated to be \$16.0 million in 1999, and is currently planned to begin in FY 2004/2005 provided that Tulare County Association of Governments programs construction capital and support.

#### **Alternatives Being considered:**

- No-build
- Widen existing highway from four to six-lanes with additional right-of-way takes for bus turnouts, dual left turns, right turn lanes, wider curb radii, and ADA ramps.

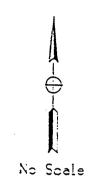
#### **Potential Significant Environmental Effects:**

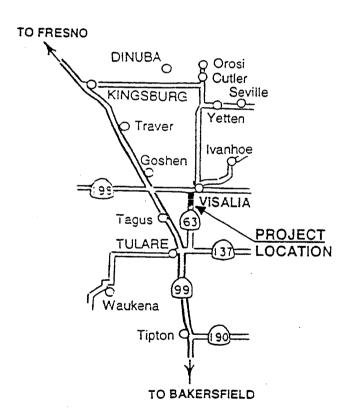
- Right-of-way with building, access and parking stall takes
- Landscaping/aesthetics

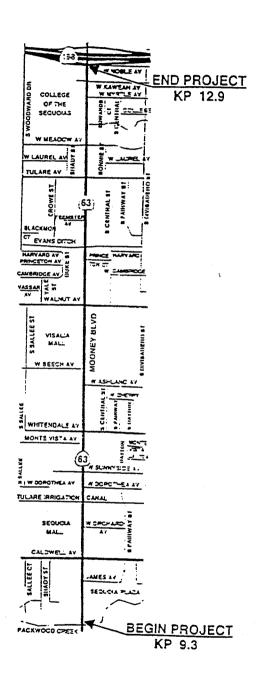
#### **Proposed Measures to Minimize Harm:**

- Realignment to reduce right-of-way impacts and relocation assistance through the Relocation Assistance Program
- Highway median plantings

# MOONEY BOULEVARD WIDENING PROJECT 06-TUL-63 EA 307000







ON STATE ROUTE (SR) 63 IN THE CITY OF VISALIA, TULARE COUNTY From the North Side of Packwood Creek to Noble Avenue